

Scott County

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Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Problems/Needs:

- Promote healthy living (access to screenings, free and safe places to exercise, health education, healthy environments, stop smoking etc).
- Address tobacco use as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease and other chronic diseases. According to the 2009 BRFSS, 17% of Scott County adults are current smokers.
- Decrease the incidence of childhood obesity in Scott County. The Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System (PedNSS) report shows that Scott County ranked 19th among all Iowa Counties for obesity rates in WIC participants ages 2 through 4 years of age (1 ranking being the best).
- Decrease the number of older adults developing or continuing untreated substance abuse problems. There are a growing number of elders who are developing or continuing their substance abuse problems into their later years.

Prevent Injuries

Problems/Needs:

- Decrease the incidence of youth violence in Scott County. The most recent Iowa Youth Survey states that Scott County teens' responses align within one percent of the State of Iowa's results when asked how often they were disciplined at school for fighting, theft, or damaging property.

Protect Against Environmental Hazards

Problems/Needs:

- Improve outdoor air quality. Although the general air quality in the bi-state region is considered good, there have been revised thresholds based on health considerations that have created a concern.

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Problems/Needs:

- Decrease sexually transmitted diseases. Scott County continues to see some of the highest STD rates in the State. Scott County ranks in the top five counties in Iowa for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea infections.
- Childhood immunization. Immunizing children for daycare and school entry is a requirement but there is a lack of children receiving recommended adolescent immunizations after school entry.

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Problems/Needs:

- Increase preparedness in the event of a pandemic episode. While Scott County Health Department is in compliance with the directives from the Iowa Department of Public Health for the Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, there is additional community planning that needs to take place.
- Streamline emergency medical services in Scott County. Currently, all responses to 911 calls for service run "hot" lights and sirens no matter what the problem might be. This approach creates a safety issue.
- Funding for the delivery of emergency medical services to less populated rural areas in Scott County. Currently, ambulances are subsidized by Scott County but not first response agencies in rural communities. Township taxes are collected for fire protection only.

Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

Problems/Needs:

- Address the issues surrounding understaffed mental health centers. Scott County has approximately one psychiatrist for every 14,949 individuals (based on Scott County's 2008 estimated population).
- Access to mental health services. With the decrease in funding currently taking place in Scott County and across Iowa, mental health services and programs are being scaled back or eliminated.
- Improving the integration of mental health care in the primary medical care system. It has been recognized that there is a need to achieve better integration of health and mental health care services in the primary care setting through heightening the awareness of health professionals to medical models for mental health integration.
- Systematic collaboration for educational and case management support for children's mental health issues. Scott County lacks one central point of entry for the provision of case management. A central point of entrance for case management services for adults with mental health needs exists through Scott County Community Services.
- Early screening and intervention for mental health illnesses in children. In Scott County, there is a decline in the number of psychiatrists for children and a decreased number of health professionals with specialized practice training for mental health intervention.
- Address the needs surrounding underfunded mental health centers. Scott County suffered approximately a one million dollar loss in funds in 2009. If spending on mental health services remains constant, along with the decrease in funds, the county will likely face a negative balance in its budget.
- Increase the number of individuals with a medical home. In Scott County, 64.8% of clients (Title V and /or Title IX recipients) entered into Scott County Care for Kids Program's agency home share that they currently have a medical home. Statewide, 84.1% of the same clients report having a medical home.
- Access to oral health care. As reported by Scott County's I-Smile Coordinator in June of 2010, Scott County has 19 (20%) of its 82 general and pediatric dentists accepting children with Iowa Medicaid as new patients.

Community Health Improvement Plan

| Goal | Strategies | Who is responsible? | When? (Timeline) |
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| Develop and implement a plan to expand the mental health workforce in Scott County. | Establish or support an existing committee that will focus on the recruitment of Scott County mental health professionals. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '12 |
| | Investigate strategies to develop physicians' skills to better meet mental health needs. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '13 |
| | Research "best practices" for professional recruitment. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '13 |
| | Develop a Scott County recruitment plan. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '14 |
| | Implement the Scott County recruitment plan. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '14 |

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| Convene a mental health taskforce to address the mental health needs of individuals in the corrections setting. | Convene a mental health taskforce to address mental health needs in the corrections setting. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '12 |
| | Investigate the unique mental health needs of the Scott County corrections setting. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '14 |
| | Research "best practices" for meeting the mental health needs of individuals in the corrections setting. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '14 |
| | Investigate potential funding opportunities to support identified mental health needs in the corrections setting. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '14 |
| | Investigate the possible integration of a mental health court program into the Scott County court system. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '15 |
| | Develop a plan for addressing the unique mental health needs of the Scott County corrections setting. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '15 |
| | Implement the plan. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '16 |

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| Use existing, and solicit for new, individuals and groups to work collaboratively to address access to mental health services in Scott County. | Identify individuals and groups addressing mental health needs in the community. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Jan '12 |
| | Recruit identified individuals and groups addressing mental health needs in the community to work collaboratively to address access to mental health services in Scott County. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | July '12 |
| | Assist QC Hearts and Minds to strengthen the adult mental health component of the initiative. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Ongoing |
| | Support Scott County Decategorization/Scott County Kids development of a system of care for children's mental health in Scott County. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Ongoing |
| | Advocate for mental health care delivery at the appropriate level based on triaged need. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Ongoing |
| | Approach local transportation stakeholders to investigate the expansion of public transportation availability. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | July '14 |
| | Investigate the implementation of a case monitoring program in Scott County for all residents to access. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | July '15 |

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| Establish a group to advocate for the increase of mental health funding for MH/DS (Mental Health/Disability Services) in Scott County. | Use existing, and solicit for new, individuals and groups to assist in the forming of an advocacy workgroup to address the mental health funding needs in Scott County. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '12 |
| | Educate the group on “best practices” for advocacy work. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '13 |
| | Develop a plan for advocating for an increase in MH/DS funding in Iowa. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | Jan '13 |
| | Research a central point of internet access for mental health information to support grassroots education and advocacy. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '14 |
| | Develop a social marketing campaign to educate the community about Scott County’s mental health funding needs. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | July '14 |

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| Develop a plan for community access to information about programs and services that promote healthy living. | Use existing, and solicit for new, individuals and groups to form a workgroup to develop a plan for accessing programs and services in the community that promote healthy living. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Jan '12 |
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| | Investigate integration with existing resources to promote healthy living. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | July '14 |
| | Pursue funding opportunities to support the implementation of the plan. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | July '15 |

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| Establish a resource for cultural competency information to increase the understanding of cultural differences when promoting healthy living. | Investigate resources and current practices for the provision of cultural competency information to area health and wellness professionals. | Scott County CHNA-Committee | July '12 |
| | Research evidence driven cultural competency content to be used in the resource for cultural competency information. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Jan '13 |
| | Investigate “best practices” for delivering cultural competency information. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Jan'13 |
| | Develop a plan for providing cultural competency information to area health and wellness professionals. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Jan '14 |
| | Implement the plan for the provision of culturally competent information in Scott County. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Jan '15 |
| | Promote the availability of culturally competent information to area health and wellness professionals. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | Jan '15 |
| | Sustain and maintain the resource for cultural competency information. | Scott County CHNA-HIP Steering Committee | July '15 and beyond |

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| Implement the ACTIVATE Quad Cities, Davenport THRIVE, and QCHI Wellness Champions program plans to reach each initiative’s identified goals and objectives. | | | |